

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

Main claim 17 has been amended to define the invention with greater particularity over the newly cited art. As amended, the claim describes how the first bars extend longitudinally and that slidably receive (Subst. Spec. p. 6, l. 10-11) receive a longitudinally extending portion 20 of the resistor 4. In addition they are oriented to deflect heat from the portion 20 downward into the lower chamber 6.

Neither of the applied references shows bars that extend longitudinally parallel to and flank a longitudinal portion of the resistor. More particularly US 2,174,079 of Dadson has a helical-coil wire 33 that passes through insulating grommets 49 for support at spaced locations, not longitudinally all along the flanked portion. Similarly US 6,020,577 of Barker has an identical structure with a coil 12 passing through ceramic grommets 32. In neither system is there anything resembling a pair of bars extending longitudinally and flanking and slidably receiving a longitudinal portion of a resistor. Thus amended claim 17 and the claims dependent thereon are allowable under §102 and §103 over the cited references.

For these reasons the claims are clearly allowable over the cited art. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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